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### USDA To Gather Data on 2013 Crop Acreage and Stocks

How many acres of corn did farmers plant this growing season? What percentage of those acres were planted to biotech varieties? Will actual planted acreage be above or below farmers' reported planting intentions? These are a few of the critical questions the Idaho Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will soon ask of Idaho producers as part of the June Agricultural Survey.

"The June Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/Stocks Survey, will provide the first clear indications of the potential production and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2013 crop year," explained Vince Matthews, State Statistician of the NASS Idaho Field Office.

NASS will mail the survey questionnaire in late May, asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they planted in 2013, how many acres they intend to harvest and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond via the Internet but also welcomes mail or fax responses and offers non-responding producers the opportunity for a telephone or personal interview.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* report and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on June 28, 2013. Survey data contribute to NASS's monthly and annual *Crop Production* reports, as well as the annual *Small Grains Summary* and USDA's monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Matthews.

All reports are available on the NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Idaho Field Office at 800-691-9987.

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